

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Jurgen Schmidt
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For : Method for Coding and Decoding Impulse Responses of Audio Signals
Examiner : Kile O. Blair
Art Unit : 2614

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Office Action dated April 21, 2009, for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending July 21, 2009 was set in which to respond, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the attached RCE, this response is considered timely.

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